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SUMMARY: LIBYAN PRIMIN JALUD, VISITING TURKEY JAN 3-7,
NEGOTIATED AND SIGNED SEVERAL AGREEMENTS WITH GOT WHICH SUGGEST
A FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.
AGREEMENTS DEALT WITH ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND TRADE;

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION; FOUNDATION OF A MINISTERIAL-
LEVEL JOINT COMMISSION; CULTURAL RELATIONS AND INFORMATION; AND
EMPLOYMENT OF TURKISH WORKERS IN LIBYA. JALUD ALSO MET
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WITHE SEVERAL POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS INCLUDING EX-PRIMIN

ECEVIT, WHO

CUT SHORT HIS CYPRUS VISIT TO MEET WITH JALUD. END SUMMARY

1. JALUD'S VISIT TO TURKEY PRODCUED WHAT PRIMIN IRMAK, AT PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING THE SIGNATURE OF TURKISH-LIBYAN AGREEMENTS, PRAISED AS SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL AND CULTURAL RESULTS. IRMAK ALSO SAID THAT HE JOINT COMMUNIQUE (TO BE RELEASED JANUARY 7) WOULD SHOW THAT TURKISH AND LIBYAN POLITICAL OUTLOOKS ARE "PARALLEL,- AND HE EXPRESSED PLEASURE THAT TALKS WHICH WOULD NORMALLY HAVE TAKEN "MONTHS OF NEGOTIATION" WERE CONCLUDED IN THREE DAYS.

2. THE AGREEMENTS AS ANNOUNCED BY IRMAK WOULD OPEN THE WAY FOR COOPERATION IN FOUNDATION OF A JOINT TURKISH-KIBYAN INVESTMENT BANK; LIBYA TO PROVIDE 3 MILLION TONS OF CRUDE OIL AND 250 THOUSAND TONS OF FUEL OIL; TURKISH CONSTRUCTION IN LIBYA OF 1,000 KILOMETERS OF RAILROADS AND CONNECTING HIGHWAYS, 2,000 HOUSES AND A 250 ROOM HOTEL; TURKEY TO PROVIDE "MOST" OF THE 600,000 LABORERS NEEDED BY LIBYA; AND JOINT PRODUCTION OF MILIARY MATERIAL.

3. IN ADDITION TO CONTACTS WITH TOP LEVEL MEMBERS OF GOT, JALUD HAD OPPORTUNITIEIS TO MEET WITH SEVERAL POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS. FORMER PRIMIN BULENT ECEVIT CUT SHORT HS VISIT TO CYPRUS BY ONE DAY IN ORDER TO ACCOMODATE JALUD'S REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH HIM.

4. COMMENT: JALUD RECEIVED ENTHUSIASTIC AND EXTENSIVE PRESS AND MEDIA COVERAGE DURING HIS VISIT. INFLUENTIAL COMMENTATOR ABDI IPEKCI, WRITING IN JANUARY 6 MILLIYET, NOTED THAT TURKEY SHOULD MORE ACTIVELY SEEK CLOSER RELATIONS WITH THE OIL-RICH NATIONS BECAUSE INVESTMENT IN TURKEY WOULD BE MUTALLY PROFITABLE AND WOULD NOT HAVE THE "PSYCHOLOGICAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DISADVANTAGES" OF "UNILATERAL AID." WE HAVE NOTED THAT TURKISH-LIBYAN RELATIONS HAVE IMPROVED STRONGLY FOLLOWING LIBYA'S SUPPORT OF THE TURKISH INTERVENTION IN CYPRUS. IMPROVEMENT HAS NOW TAKEN SOLID FORM WITH SIGNING OF THESE AGREEMENTS, CONTENT OF WHICH SUGGESTS THAT RELATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO GROW.BERGUS

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